

# Acts 16:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

## Analysis

'They went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.' Despite official request to leave, Paul first strengthened the new church. His priorities were pastoral before political - encouraging believers mattered more than quick compliance with authorities. The visit to Lydia's house shows the church already meeting there.

## Historical Context

Lydia's house served as the Philippian church's meeting place. Paul's final encouragement before departure demonstrates apostolic care for young churches. The Philippian church would later strongly support Paul's ministry (Phil. 4:15-16).

## Related Passages

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How should we balance obedience to authorities with ministry priorities?
2. What does pastoral care look like in crisis moments?
3. How can we strengthen new believers before leaving them?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἐκ τῆς φυλακῆς εἰσῆλθον εἰς τὴν  
**departed** **And** **out of** **G3588** **the prison** **and entered** **into** **G3588**  
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Λυδίαν καὶ ἴδόντες τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς  
**the house of Lydia** **and** **when they had seen** **G3588** **the brethren**  
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παρεκάλεσαν αὐτοῦς, καὶ ἐξῆλθον  
**they comforted** **them** **and** **departed**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 14:22** (Parallel theme): Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

**Acts 16:14** (Parallel theme): And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.